

that the Corporation shall suspend. Therefore, it is not that Government is taking away the powers of suspension but the powers of suspension are being transferred from one authority to another authority of the Corporation.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—What prompted the Hon. Minister to make an amendment like that?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—On the face of it he is not a disciplinary authority.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—The General Manager is the disciplinary authority according to your rules.

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The Corporation is the disciplinary authority in respect of major penalties in respect of Class I and Class II officers.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—It is all right in respect of major penalties. But there are minor penalties. Suspension is a minor penalty and suspension pending enquiry is not a penalty at all.

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—Now the question that has been raised is whether the General Manager has got the power to suspend or not. As per the existing rule he has the power and that is what I have said.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—This is total interference in the affairs of the Corporation and I would humbly request the Hon. Minister that he should not do it in the interest of discipline.

SRI P. M. BANGI.—The General Manager is empowered to inflict minor penalty. Here suspension is ordered pending enquiry. So, it cannot be a penalty. So, I request the Hon. Minister to explain under what rule the General Manager is empowered to suspend.

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The only question that has been raised is about the order that has been passed under Section 34. About this particular case of suspension I don't have facts and figures. That has got to be examined separately. Why he has been suspended, in what manner he has been suspended, whether the suspension is good or bad is a different matter, and this has to be examined separately.

MADAM SPEAKER.—We shall now go to the next item, viz. presentation of petition.

Petition from villagers of Jamkhandi Taluk—Presentation

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

SRI P. M. BANGI.—Madam, I beg to present a petition signed by the villagers of Jamkhandi Taluk regarding scarcity of drinking water in Jamkhandi Taluk.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The petition is presented.

**Karnataka Village Panchayat (Postponement of Elections)
(Amendment) Bill, 1977**

INTRODUCTION

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Development and Panchayat Raj).—Madam, I beg to move :

“That leave be granted to introduce the Karnataka Village Panchayat (Postponement of Elections) (Amendment) Bill, 1977.”

MADAM SPEAKER.—The question is :

“That leave be granted to introduce the Karnataka Village Panchayats (Postponement of Elections) (Amendment) Bill, 1977.”

The motion was adopted and leave was granted

SRI K. PRABHAKAR.—Madam, I beg to introduce the Karnataka Village Panchayats (Postponement of Elections) (Amendment) Bill, 1977.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Bill is introduced. * *

**Budget Estimates for 1977-78
General Discussion**

[Debate Continued]

† ಕೆ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ (ಸಂತವಾರಹಳ್ಳಿ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಮುಂದಿರತಕ್ಕಂಥ 1976-77ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಬಡ್ಡುಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಗತ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ಕೆಲವು ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಸದನದ ಮುಂದಿಡಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈವಾಗ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ನೀರಾವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ವ್ಯವಸಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ಪಾದನೆಗೆ ಅತ್ಯಗತ್ಯವಾದ ವಿಷಯ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಗಮನ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ಸ್ವಾಗತಾರ್ಹವಾದ ವಿಷಯ. ಆದರೂ ಸಹ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ, ವ್ಯವಸಾಯಗಾರರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾದದ್ದು ಅತ್ಯಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಏತಕ್ಕೊಂದರ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಲಿಗಾರರಿಗೆ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗಂಭೀರ ಹಠಾಪೋ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಉಪಕಾರ ಮಾಡಿದಂತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಇವತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಬಡವರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಅನೇಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಆಗುತ್ತಿವೆ—ಆದರೆ ಅದು ಸಾಲುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರಲ್ಲೂ ಈ ಡ್ರಾಟ್ ನಿಜವೇನಲ್ಲ ಅಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಫಲಕಾರಿ ಆಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಬೇರೆ

* * Bill appended as Annexure to this volume.